

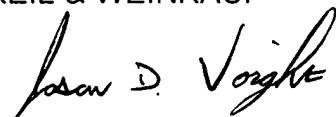
REMARKS

"Examiners are reminded that unity of invention (not restriction) practice is applicable in international applications...and in national stage (filed under 35 U.S.C. 371) applications." MPEP 1893.03(d). Here, as the Examiner has noted, Group I and Group II are related as product and process of use. However, unity of invention exists between "an independent claim for a given product...and an independent claim for a use of the said product." PCT Administrative Instructions, Annex B, Part 1(e); see also PCT AI, Annex B, Part 2, Example 1.

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